













# RICH LAND AREAS IN THE EAST NORTHLAND

Engineer Crean Publishes Booklet Dealing With Resources of North Saskatchewan River-McCulloch Agricultural Land.

After exploring 22,000,000 acres of country in northern Saskatchewan and west of Prince Albert, as far as Churchill river, it has been found that there are 3,000,000 acres of water, 5,000,000 of land suitable for settlement and 12,000,000 of wet land. All of this country can be divided into made good for settlement. This is the result of the explorations of Frank J. P. Crean, Chief of the railway lands department, Ottawa. The story and result of his trip through the north in an attractive booklet entitled, "Northland Exploration, which has just been issued by the department."

Mr. Crean and an assistant spent six months in the country studying the conditions relative to agriculture and have ascertained that there is a very amount of splendid land for mixed farming that not only yields richly, but is also well adapted to stock raising. Many splendid grassy areas, some of which are now being used for stock raising, are very fertile and are well adapted to stock raising. These areas are now being used for stock raising. These areas are now being used for stock raising. These areas are now being used for stock raising.

**Character of Soil.** In the southeastern portion of the district the soil is a light loam with a blue clay sub-soil, towards the west the soil is light loam with sandy clay sub-soil. This is an abundance of good land along the Sandy river. There is fertile land along the Buffalo lake and at Lac Loche the soil is very rich, being a heavy loam from 10 inches to greater depths. West of the mouth of the Buffalo lake, the soil is a light loam with a sandy clay sub-soil. There is good soil and a large territory of good country.

The climate over the whole district is most favorable, the winter being rather severe than in the south. The portions of Saskatchewan which were damaged by the fire in 1904 did not affect the grain and garden stuff in the north country at all. At Portage la Proulx, the most northerly point reached by Mr. Crean, he saw potatoes on September 17 that had not been touched by the frost. He was struck by the variety of garden stuff that was grown in great profusion and with great success at all of the mission stations and the Hudson's Bay posts. The lakes began to freeze over on Oct. 20, but this was followed by a warm spell and they were navigable for two weeks longer.

**Fine Ranching Country.** Along the Big river in the southern portion of the tract is a fine ranching country, where plenty of hay, water and good shelter abound. The country is principally open, dotted with bluffs of poplar, and there is hay everywhere. The grass grows well on the stock and the rolling hills are clear of snow, making them as good for cattle as the Fertile hills of Southern Alberta. There is even better cattle range in the valley of the Redoubt river to the southwest of Portage la Proulx. Hay was stacked all over the country close to the river.

**Game is Abundant.** There is an abundance of all kinds of game throughout the country, including moose, caribou, deer, black and cinnamon bears, lynx, timber wolf, fox, skunk, marten, rabbit and squirrel. There are also large numbers of various wild birds and waterfowl. Moose and caribou are being killed by the natives in large numbers and deer are being almost exterminated by soldiers and hunters.

One of the great assets of the country is the supply of excellent white fish that are to be found in all the lakes and rivers. The pike or jack fish is equally plentiful, but is not so valuable for food. There is small timber scattered all over the tract explored, but not sufficiently large to

be valuable commercially. There is ample timber for settlement, but not enough for a lumber industry. There were at one time large areas of merchantable timber in this country, but they have been destroyed by numerous fires that have run through it. There are a great many prospectors who have been up through the north and have located in different places, and, though Mr. Crean had doubt of their being valuable mineral supplies, he had no direct evidence to that effect.

What appealed to the explorer was the convenience and abundance of water for small water power plants. They were located that for great and small mills and lighting and pumping plants they could be used with great economy. On the La Ronge river, the Roman Catholic mission, there is a saw mill operated by water power. It is also used for a pumping plant and an electric light plant is being installed for the use of the mission.

At the north of Green lake there is quite a settlement of half-breed, and the Hudson's Bay company and the Nelson Iron Works, as well as a big mission. The price in charge of the mission, Father Tesson, has a fine growth of grain stuff. He imported Mr. Crean that he had good oats and barley for fifteen years ago and he had not had a single year since. A native, named Morris, said that he had raised oats, potatoes and barley for 20 years in the district and did not remember having had any. Morris has thirty-five head of cattle and twelve horses.

**Fine Cattle Range.** To the north of the tract is the valley of the Cheyenne river, much like the valley of the North Saskatchewan, with a splendid cattle range, and, in possession of the explorer, should be a good farming country. There are large open prairie, and wheat and pea vine grow everywhere. The soil is a good loam with sandy clay sub-soil. Reports were given him by the managers of the far-ranging posts and by natives that had been reared easily on account of the long day.

**Wheat at Lac La Ronge.** Wheat has been raised successfully by the Lac La Ronge district and at Stanley Mission there is quite a quantity of the mission. The mission, which is run by Mr. Hunt, an Anglican clergyman, who not only has a beautiful church, but also has a school and a large stock of wheat and barley as far back as 1894. There is a mission at Lac La Ronge, which is run by the Hudson's Bay company. Farming has been carried on around this district, but in the records that have been kept no dates are entered so they are practically useless. At Lac La Ronge, on the north side of the bay, Rev. Mr. Brown is in charge of the mission and is endeavoring to establish a farm in order to teach the natives agriculture. He has cattle, poultry and pigs and a good garden. When seen by Mr. Crean the first had done no damage to his garden. There is a persistent rumor that coal is abundant in the vicinity, but so the short time the explorer was in the country he failed to find any, but thinks the report is correct.

From Prince Albert to Montreal lake is a well traveled road in the winter, but in summer it is impassable. The natives in the north find it is more profitable to haul the hay for the freighters than to grow stuff themselves and this to a large extent accounts for their being backward in agricultural work. There is a considerable body of timber at the mouth end of Montreal lake, but it is in the Indian reserve. On the east and west shores the land is swampy. To the north there is a considerable good land, but no farming has been done there as yet. On the lake, because of the narrow strait is a white fish living who has a fine garden. The land around their lake is good, and to the explorer looked splendidly well. The Hudson's Bay and the Hudson's Bay company both have posts in the district. Rev. Mr. Brown and the Hudson's Bay company both have posts in the district. Rev. Mr. Brown and the Hudson's Bay company both have posts in the district.

Copies of the report of Mr. Crean's explorations can be obtained free of charge upon application to the Superintendent, Railway Lands Branch, Department of Interior, Ottawa.

# NEW ZEALAND WANTS 20 CANADIAN MOOSE

Dominion Parks Commissioner Douglas Has Undertaken to Secure this Number of Young Animals for Forest Ward-Commissioner to Visit Buffalo Parks and Lake New National Park Reserve.

Howard Douglas of Baffin, Dominion Commissioner of Public Parks, arrived in the city Monday and is a guest at the Albergo. Mr. Douglas opened the buffet for the building of a house at Buffalo Park. Mr. Douglas, for Mr. F. J. Ellis, the superintendent of the park, and awarded a contract to Wainwright for the house. The figures are close to the \$4,000 mark. Mr. Douglas accepted an offer of \$125 from R. J. Torrie, of Lament, for the buffalo carcasses of new stands at the Lament station. The commissioner will visit the Lament park today and on Wednesday after returning to Edmonton he will go down to Wainwright over the G. T.P. in company with Ed Ellis to inspect the park and buffalo.

Mr. Douglas told the Bulletin that he was gathering a score of young moose for the New Zealand government in response to a request of Premier Ward who some months ago wrote Lord Grey, Premier of Saskatchewan, concerning the animals. The moose were turned over to Douglas. He has now secured thirty-five of the twenty. Ed. Corey, of Andrews and Brock, ex-M.P.P. of Peace River Crossing, have the contract for supplying moose.

The animals are now but two months old. As soon as they are old enough to stand the six week trip, which will not be before the end of November, they will be sent to Vancouver, where an expert from New Zealand will take charge of them for the voyage.

It is the intention of the New Zealand government to turn them loose in the forests of the island in the hope that they will become an important addition to the fauna of the country. There is every reason to believe that the experiment will be successful although there are now no moose in New Zealand.

Speaking of his proposed trip to Jasper Park at the entrance to the park, Mr. Douglas said that he would leave Edmonton for the park about September 8, in company with Mr. H. J. Douglas, the Dominion Parks Commissioner, who will be in charge of the trip. Mr. Douglas is expected to attend the party will not spend more than two weeks in the park on this occasion.

Mr. Douglas is including in his annual report to the Dominion government a number of recent photographs of the scenic wonders of Jasper park. Some of them were seen by the Bulletin and judging from the rugged grandeur of the mountains, lakes and forests portrayed, it is not difficult to credit the statement which Mr. Douglas' friends who have visited the park make that Baffin is entranced by the new national park at the entrance to the Yellowhead Pass.

DEBENTURES SOLD WELL.

North Battleford Realizes Two Per Cent. Over Par For Last Issue.

North Battleford, August 9.—North Battleford has realized two per cent. over par for its last issue of debentures to G. A. Stinson & Co. at 102. \$75,000 of the same were sold some weeks ago at 104.5. Operations for the installation of waterworks, electric light and sewerage are well advanced.

Buildings are being extended throughout the town and in the course of a few weeks the work on them will be completed. Crops in this vicinity are excellent. The land around their lake is good, and to the explorer looked splendidly well. The Hudson's Bay and the Hudson's Bay company both have posts in the district. Rev. Mr. Brown and the Hudson's Bay company both have posts in the district. Rev. Mr. Brown and the Hudson's Bay company both have posts in the district.



The illustration shows a moose in black and white, of the sort of moose found in the forest. The cover is in color and is very beautiful.

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